The Power of Perspective:

Introduction to the 40 Developmental Assets

Perspective: The Art of Seeing

"Photography is an art of observation. It has little to do with the things you see and everything to do with the way you see them." – Elliott Erwitt

Building Meaning through Similie

21st CCLC programs are like ...

Youth Outcomes

- Achievement
 - Focus: Achievement of Milestones
- Prevention
 - Focus: Reduction of Risk
- Developmental
 - Focus: Development of Identity and Ability

40 Developmental Asset Framework

- Tool for keeping our perspective
- Benefits: Builds on strengths and capabilities – not deficits
- Developed by Search Institute

Asset Framework

20 External Assets

- Support
- Empowerment
- Boundaries and Expectations
- Constructive Use of Time

Asset Framework

20 Internal Assets

- Commitment to Learning
- Positive Values
- Social Competencies
- Positive Identity



- Gut instinct
- Motivates and inspires
- Life-changing insight that confirms "my life has purpose"
- Authentic passion, talent, skill or dream
- Can be musical, athletic, intellectual, academic, relational

The Power of Perception

"If it is true that the observer affects the observed reality, then perhaps the greatest gift we can give is to see the beauty, magnificence, and divinity in each person we meet and every experience we have . . . and in doing so, call it forth and facilitate its full expression in each moment."

- Divina del So